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## INFORMATIONAL LETTER NO. 741

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**TO:** Intermediate Care Facility, ICF MR State, Community Based ICF/MR, Residential Care Facility, Community Mental Health Centers, Psychologists, Clinical Social Workers, Nurse Practitioners and Home and Community Based Service Providers (excluding individual CDAC) providers

**FROM:** The Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS), Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

**RE:** Request for Money Follows the Person Providers

DHS received a grant through the Deficit Reduction Act-Money Follows the Person (MFP) entitled "Partnership for Community Integration". The grant is to assist residents of Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Mental Retardation (ICFs/MR) to move into community settings of their choice. MFP funds are targeted to assist approximately 528 residents of ICFs/MR across the state by September 30, 2011.

The grant provides enhanced funding for services intended to support a successful transition and to help support participants in community living. The assistance of a transition specialist in coordinating transition planning, implementation, and follow-up in securing essential services are included in this project. Individuals in MFP will be able to access the current services available in the HCBS mental retardation waiver and will be eligible to receive the enhanced grant services for 365 days. (Please see the attached chart of services that will be available for MFP participants).

Current HCBS waiver programs continue to expand and with the addition of this grant targeting individuals currently receiving services in ICF's/MR, **the Department of Human Services is looking to enhance and expand the current provider network.**

- **DHS is recruiting new and existing providers to enroll to provide three new services in the MR Waiver:**
  - **Crisis Intervention**
  - **Mental Health Outreach**
  - **Behavioral programming**
  - These services will be available for MFP participants in 2009. DHS has proposed to add these three services to all eligible individuals in the MR and BI waiver.
- In addition, DHS is also recruiting providers for Nursing Delegation that will be available for MFP participants.

If your agency is interested in applying to provide the MFP additional services please submit form 470-2917, HCBS Waiver Provider Application Form which can be found at the following website: <http://www.ime.state.ia.us/Providers/Enrollment.html>.

To request a paper copy of the application please call IME Provider Services at (515)-725-1004, or 800-338-7909, and select option two for enrollment. Qualifications to provide the new services are listed in the “Service Definitions and Qualifications for New Money Follows the Person Services” document, which is enclosed.

For more information on Iowa’s MFP grant, please see the following website:

<http://www.ime.state.ia.us/LTC/MFP/index.html>

Please direct enrollment questions to IME Provider Services at (515)-725-1004, or 800-338-7909, and select option two for enrollment, or via email [IMEProviderServices@dhs.state.ia.us](mailto:IMEProviderServices@dhs.state.ia.us). Please direct questions regarding MFP services to Debbie Johnson, 515-725-1012 or via email [djohnso@dhs.state.ia.us](mailto:djohnso@dhs.state.ia.us); or Brooke Lovelace at 515-725-1154 or via email [blovela@dhs.state.ia.us](mailto:blovela@dhs.state.ia.us).